CUT MOTION No. 1

Location of Minister's house

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I beg to move the cut motion "*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 6,000 for Huzur Secretariat, Minister's salary by Re. 1*". The object of the cut motion is *to point out that it is not helpful for the harmonious working of the Transferred and Reserved halves of the Government, that the Hon'ble Minister should live so far away from the Diwan's House.*

Mr. President: I have to make one preliminary observation. When I visited the Minister's residence a few days ago I reached there in 2½ minutes. It is so very near.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* My object is only this. Government should provide a house for the Minister very near the Diwan's House. I shall give the reason. When Dr. A. R. Menon was the Minister, he was residing somewhere at a very short distance from the Diwan's House. The present Minister resides far away. He is residing in the Thirumala Devaswam Road about more than half a mile from the Diwan's House. There are only two advisers to His Highness the Maharaja, the Diwan and the Minister. The Maharaja can take advice officially only through these gentlemen, and these gentlemen have the right of audience and they have the right to be heard. So far as the Government is concerned, it is a corporate body and there is only one Government. Now in this system of diarchy which is confused and composite there is the transferred half and the reserved half. So far as the progress of the Government is concerned, I say there should be mutual consultation and personal contact between the Diwan and the Minister, and for personal contact it is better that the Minister lives very close to the Diwan. Suppose the Minister wants to see the Diwan, what is the procedure. He will ask his confidential clerk to write a letter to the confidential clerk of the Diwan stating that the Minister wants to see the Diwan and the Diwan sends the reply. All this is circuitous process. If a house very near to the Diwan's house is given to the Minister, after dinner they can consult each other and much time can be saved. I say it is very good for the administration of the State. In England you will find that Churchil is residing in 10, Downing street and the Chancellor in No. 11, Downing street. So personal contact and a little consultation is highly necessary. So I request that the Government will be pleased to find a house for the Minister very close to the Diwan's house. With these I comment this motion for the acceptance of the House.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I would always like to be with the Diwan, and to discusss all matters with him at the dinner.

Mr. President: If the object of the motion is to draw the attention of the Government that the Minister should live close to the Diwan, we shall consider it. But as to the question of the residence, there was a house which the previous Minister was occupying. He did not want to occupy that House. Certainly Government would be prepared to consider the question of finding other residence very close to the Diwan's house if he so desires.

Cut motion by leave withdrawn

Mr. President: Cut motion Nos. 3, 15, 17, 45 and 99 of the printed list may be taken up together. If the House agree they all will be discussed together.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I request the Chair to look into whether this cut motion should come under the Minister. I think it is quite out of place.

Mr. President: Cut motion No. 3 of the printed list may be omitted. As it does not come under the Minister's salary and other cut motions which deal with the same subject may be taken together.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Some cut motions are standing in my name. We move a cut on the Minister's salary and naturally the Ministerialist party will be bound to oppose it. But the object is different.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* But unfortunately we do not vote on the object. Therefore if the cut is on the other head the Ministerialist party will be free to vote.

Mr. President: I have another suggestion to put to the House. I suggest that discussion on this subject is not necessary in view of the statement which I already made. Government are fully aware of the views of the House frequently expressed on this matter. I think all that could be said has been said and said repeatedly and Government have already expressed their views, in regard to this constitutional question, and therefore I would suggest for the consideration of the House that this particular cut motion might be withdrawn on the understanding that Government are fully aware of the views of Hon'ble Members. There was

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the unanimous opinion of the non-official members of this House in regard to this matter and it will receive consideration at the hands of the Government. It will save the time of the House if the other cut-motions are not discussed.

CUT MOTION No. 2

Appointment of the Members of the Council in Government service

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I move to *raduce the allotment of Rs. 6,000 for salary, Minister for Rural Development by Re. 1.* The object of my motion is *to bring to the notice of the Government the undesirability of the policy of giving appointments to members of the Legislative Council and hence making them liable to punishment by an officer of the Reserved Half.* It is not my object to reduce the salary of the Minister by Re. 1, nor is it my intention to cast any aspersions upon the work of the Minister. With that clear understanding I may state before the House that my object is only to concentrate the attention of the House and the public to this one question on which there is unanimity of opinion so far as the non-official side is concerned. Hon'ble Members of this House have been appointed by the Minister, I am aware, as State Organiser with certain Honararia for doing National War Front work. At the very outset I may say that I do not propose to say anything about the work of the National War Front, nor is it necessary to do so now.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* On a point of order I beg to submit that the motion is not in order because the Minister has not made any appointments of the Legislative Council Members making them liable to punishment by an Officer of the Reserved Half.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* My position is this. The question does not arise as to whether the Minister has made the appointment. This is a token motion. Secondly I raise another point of order. The Chair has allowed me to speak and the matter is concluded. This refers to the drafting of members of the legislature for Government work under the Reserved Half.

Mr. President: The motion is out of order. It cannot be discussed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It is only to discuss the policy of giving appointments to members of the Legislative Council. It is Government's poljcy that is being discussed, whether it is Reserved Half or Transferred Half.

Mr. President: The mistake is that the cut is in the Minister's salary.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* That is on the merits. That is for throwing the Minister for explanation.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* There is nothing but the policyof the Government in giving appointments to the Members of the Legislative Council.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* If the National War Front is a subject that the Hon'ble Member has referred to, it is non-votable too.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Certainly not. I have not a word to say against the National War Front. But only taking the members of the Legislature.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* Why should it come under the Minister's salary ?

Mr. President: I have given my ruling on that.

Motion ruled out of order

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Now that a Director has been appointed by the Government, I do not move cut motion No. 6 of the printed list.

Mr. President: Cut motion No. 7 of the printed list is not under the proper head and hence disallowed.

CUT MOTION No. 3

Educational concessions to depressed class converts

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I beg to move to *raduce the allotment of Rs. 6,000 for Huzur Secretariat, Minister's Salary by rupee 1.*—The object of the cut motion is *to point out once again that the Hon'ble Minister has not rescinded the order witholding educational concessions to depressed class converts.*

Mr. Joseph Petta *(Adur):* On a point of order, there is cut motion No. 41 in the name of Mr. C. V. Iyyu, and for various consideration we would like them to be taken together and to give preference to that motion, because of the technical difficulties in the matter of this motion.

Mr. President: I think that motion No. 41 of the printed list should be the leading motion. Mr. Iyyu can move his motion and then the Hon'ble member can second it.

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